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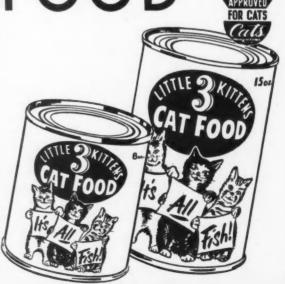
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COVER

You Shorthair fans will get your innings next year! Meanwhile, we're sure that no cat lover can fail to welcome this greeting from a Shaded Silver Longhair kit, sent via Grant Haist's talented camera.

Merry Christmas!

TROUBLE IN PARADISE?

Many times in the past the readers of CATS have responded to emergency calls from Mrs. Maude Erwin and her "Pussy Cats' Paradise."

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Dear Editors:

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We caught him one hot day completely off guard. This, we feel, is most unusual, for generally sleeping animals aren't quite so vulnerable. Patrick, who mostly sleeps with one eye open and body all curled up, evidently was just too warm to give a care.

Mrs. H. M. Buckner

Box 507 Drain, Oregon

PRIMARY PROCESSING

Dear Editors:

A child and a new kitten sound like a wonderful combination. Unfortunately it isn't as happy as that. A child must be taught to respect a pet. The game of "Grab-cat" is really no fun for either the cat or the child. When a kitten is acquired to please the youngsters of the family it can become a rewarding experience if a bit of instruction is given before the kitten arrives.

A child can anticipate the new member by collecting the toys all cats love, a soft ball, paper bag, catnip mouse, spools—the list is long when you really think about it. There can be talks about how a cat likes to climb trees, romp in the grass, stalk moving things—be independent. The bed can be readied and a beginning of understanding can be created. It can be explained that a cat, like a wound-up toy, will perform tricks and be a delight to watch if left alone.

The returns of right treatment are more than just the fun of the moment. An unafraid cat and a responsible and considerate child generally result.

It does sound simple, but how often a child will be scratched and a kitten wild and unfriendly just because no one took the time to teach.

Dorthea Chappell

15 Kimble Avenue Los Gatos, California

SO DO EDITORS

Dear Readers:

Just a short note to everyone of you to wish you the nicest Christmas ever.

The Editors

DYE-NASTY 1958

Dear Editors:

My Siamese cat ate Q-N Red Fish Sticks. As will happen, after an upset stomach a newly upholstered ottoman was stained.

I wrote the Kuehn Milling Company, manufacturer of the product and asked how I might remove the stain. After consulting the National Aniline Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., Mr. Kuehn sent me a copy of their letter stating the ingredient, F. D. & C. Red #1, used in the fish sticks was a dye and would stain the same as any technical product or dyestuff.

Please publish my letter to warn all subscribers of the danger of permanent stains to furnishings and rugs if their cats eat this product. I suggest, too, that they write to Mr. Max Kuchn, Kifer and Copper Roads, Sunnyvale, California and ask that he discontinue the use of this dye in his product to safeguard all cat owners in the future of such expense resulting from stains.

Mrs. J. A. Kinst

2412 Fordham Street East Palo Alto, California



P. O. M. KIT CELEBRATES

Dear Editors:

As Kome was a Picture of the Month subject once, we decided to send you this picture taken on his estimated first birthday. Pièce de résistance: a handsome fish complete with candle commemorating the day he was taken from the rice paddy. Several feline friends shared the festivities.

Kome has expended two of his lives in his first year. He first thought he was a dog and used to chase motorcycles until one hit him. Then he had a run-in with a car. He walks with a slight limp—but he now stays out of the streets. Lesson learned.

Norman Zeisloft

Hq. 5th AF Box 1241 APO 710 San Francisco, Calif.



DOTTY DOMESTIC

Dear Editors:

I read with interest the ad on Polka Dot Domestics, page 29, September Cats. Are catteries beginning to breed a Polka Port Cat?

The motive of my letter is to find out whether or not I have anything to offer in the way of helping the breed in my own shorthair domestic feline who is pure white with exact gray polka dots the size of a coin. There are three or four on each side and a small gray saddle on her center back. We call her Saddlebac and her ancestry is just common domestic. She could be used for breeding if anyone was interested in a cat with unusual markings.

I'm not in the cattery business but I own just this little female. Anyone interested may write me.

Helen G. Johnson

38 Belknap Street Dover, New Hampshire

FOR FUNGUS

Dear Editors:

For months I had been fighting a nasty fungus around the neck of my beautiful Blue Longhair. I had used everything our veterinarian prescribed plus every home remedy I had ever read. The treatments had caused the fur to turn from a gorgeous blue to a creamy white and the fungus was still there.

I heard of Helene Curtis Endem, a shampoo designed to rid hair of dandruff. In sheer desperation, I used it on my cat. I took a sponge and wet the hair lightly around the neck. Then I used several tablespoons of Endem and worked it in for five minutes. Rinsed it well for I had never heard of anyone using it on a cat. The fungus cleared up and to date hasn't recurred. His coat is once again a true blue. My friend used it on her dog and it worked on him, too.

Perhaps some of your readers who are unhappy about a like condition on their pet will be glad to hear of my luck.

Mrs. Earl Ludwig

1101 Cook Tower Lima, Ohio

FIREBUG IN A FUR COAT

by Anne Pinkerton

To this day my husband maintains that the real cause of the fire was Bugsy's conviction that he is a little boy. An odd-looking little boy, then, I tell him: half Siamese, with an all-season black fur coat, a deep-cut notch in his right ear, and yellow-green eyes like a pair of ripe gooseberries. A little boy, nevertheless, my husband insists, with none of the responsibilities but all the rights and privileges of the adult members of the family.

All the rights and privileges save one, Bugsy might have pointed out if he could talk—he had to sleep in the basement instead of in the bedroom with us, Grandpa

and Grandma P.

Now his bed in the basement was warm and sheltered, a blanket-lined basket behind the door, and directly over the furnace. Yet every evening we had a cat to run down, fish out from behind davenports or from under tables, carry, weakly protesting, to the basement, and plop upon his bed there . . . whence his round yellow eyes stared piteously up at us, to haunt us in memory till the next evening, when the whole routine had to be gone through with again.

This got wearing, but my husband was adamant; he has insomnia. "No cat's going to tiptoe up and down my carcass while I'm trying to sleep," he declared. "Bugsy will get used to staying where he's

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But, being a cat, Bugsy didn't. After all, he shared the daytime hours with us, and it must have seemed to him unfair and discriminatory not to be permitted to share the night hours, too.

Came a night, then, when I awoke suddenly to the sight of his small figure silhouetted on the threshold of our bedroom, motionless against the pale light flooding the hallway beyond. I sat up in bed. "Ma-aa-mm?" he said reasonably.

"Why-why, who left the basement door open?" I stuttered.

Nobody had; it was firmly closed. A domestic discussion of the "You-dun-it" variety ensued, and Bugsy was herded back to the basement.

At the crack of dawn, again the Presence on the threshold. Complete with sound effects. Simultaneously my husband and myself sprang up in bed. "Oh, no," we moaned. "Not again!"

Stiff-armed, my husband thrust the cat in the basement, slammed the door, and padded back to the bed. He pads fast, which was all that enabled him to reach the bed before Bugsy arrived in the door-

"What more could the poor little fellow do to convince us he doesn't want to sleep in the basement?" I asked him.

My husband sank down wearily on the bed. "It sure has me beat," he admitted. "That cat's not opening the door—as I'd have sworn. But how in Sam Hill—" "Listen," I said.

Pit-patty-pit-pat, under the floor at our feet. Bugsy was running rapidly along on the beams supporting the floor. There were several other slight sounds, then, "Ma-aa-mm?"

And there he was in the doorway. Not a scrap of furniture out of place in the living room or hallway. No strange openings yawning in the walls or floors. No nothing—except a little black cat tickled

silly to be with us again.

This was getting spooky. In the old Salem days they had ideas about handling things like this! Muttering, my husband stalked over, picked Bugsy up, deposited him firmly on the basement landing, and as firmly closed the door. I stayed in the darkened living room to watch.

The patter of small feet again, the same slight sounds—and something moved under my feet. Looking down, I saw two large golden polka dots glowing in the darkness under the metal grill covering the cold air duct in the floor. Then the grill lifted, a black shadow flowed out, and the grill settled back noiselessly against the carpeting on its edge. "Ma-aa-mm?"

And that was it. Bugsy had pushed between the shingles nailed over the opening of the non-functioning cold air duct in the basement, and had followed the fresh air up to the entrance in the living room floor.

My husband, bleary-eyed from lack of sleep, fastened the shingles more securely and shut Bugsy back in the basement. "I don't want to hear another peep from you till morning, you—you Houdini!" I heard him admonishing as he closed the door.

And we didn't. Not until we were snugly in the midst of that last sweet snooze, anyway, that comes just before the late rising on a Sunday morning.

Such a ruckus arose then, all of a sudden, from behind the basement door, that I sat straight up in bed. My husband was awake, too, his hair on end, his eyes wild and red-rimmed. "That cat's going to stay where he's put, for once," he shouted. "He's getting so he runs this household!"

The yowls from the basement got louder and louder and higher and higher, in spite of my pleas for silence. Finally, as they climaxed on a note of near-hysteria, my husband got up and flung open the door. A little black body catapulted out . . . and so did billowing clouds of yellow, acrid smoke. Our ears caught the sharp crackle of flames from below.

Giving out with a hoarse cry of "Fire!" my husband leaped clatteringly down the stairs. I turned and made for the phone. Bugsy was nowhere to be seen. A few minutes later, however, when the firemen arrived with siren and fire hose, he was the self-appointed chairman of the welcoming committee.

The next moment, though, he had



Illustration-Helen Dudley Young

slipped between their booted feet and strolled out on to the lawn, his aloof demeanor and hoisted tail proclaiming to all and sundry his extreme disinterest in whatever action might be taken further in the matter. He'd done his bit.

The firemen swarmed into the house and in a few minutes the fire was out. "Black cats are certainly lucky for you folks," they told us, grinning, as they made ready to leave. "In a bit more you could have lost your house."

The next day Bugsy's picture was in the paper, and everybody heaped praise on the "brave and intelligent pet" who had kept his family's house from burning down. The origin of the fire probably went down in the records as "unknown," but, I fancied, whenever the subject was brought up, that Bugsy made a point of sitting around grooming his whiskers, looking smug and saying nothing.

I didn't say anything either. I was remembering the huge floodlight we had in the basement, that turned on at the slightest twist of the bulb. And how, the evening before the fire, I had left it hanging over the side of a big packing box half filled with excelsior.

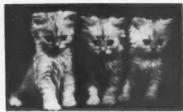
Because it was hanging free, I had assumed it was safe. It hadn't occurred to me then that a restless little cat, prowling around in boredom during the early morning hours, might knock the "touchy" floodlight off into the dry-as-dust excelsior.

Oh, yes, ever since the fire Bugsy sleeps the nights through in a cosy nest in Grandpa's dresser drawer. "He thinks he's one of the family," Grandpa explains fatuously, "and so should sleep with the family. Had to set fire to the house, though, before we saw it his way!"

People look startled then, and he hastens to assure them. "Oh, he didn't really, of course. The fire was just one of those things. Spontaneous combustion, maybe. Nobody's fault, at any rate."

Does Bugsy lazily open an eye then, look at me, and slowly close it again?

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unwound, I am smitten. Star stickers tell

the season's joy on my ears and nose, and I adore the red rosette that goes upon my tinkling collar bell.

I crouch upon a package that's ready to mail

and pounce on a twine mouse tail.

My feet stick to a "Don't Open 'Til

Xmas" tag,

but finally free, I hide in a paper bag.

Pine boughs are a fragrant lark; I chew their turpentine bark, and I know as well as any kitten that trees are made to climb even at Christmas time, lights, icecicles, baubles and all. I never thought that the tree would

fall.

I wanted only the catnip mitten my mistress hung up there so far above the tipmost shining star.

-Margaret Secrist

TO A BEAUTIFUL CAT

O friendly cat with amber eyes
And fur of honey hue,
A thousand thoughts intrigue me as
I sit and look at you!

What feline cousins do you boast In far-off Indian wilds? What tiger instincts light those eyes As guileless as a child's?

You catch my hand and hold it tight
Between your tiny paws;
Their fur is soft as velvet, but—
What sharp and vicious claws!
—by Martha Ellen Hesson

WATCH-CAT

My young cat is a fine watch-cat. She doesn't bark, of course, but when a stranger rings the bell She mer-ows her white throat hoarse.

Yet when our newsboy rubs her ears.

she purrs with joy and capers, and then, like an educated cat, sits on and reads the papers!

-Frances Frost

BLACK CAT

O cat, your green hypnotic eyes Have cast a spell on me! Can you be Merlin in disguise, That prince of sorcery?

You look as if you'd just returned From Pluto's haunted halls. But you'll keep secret all you learned In those nocturnal calls!

I wonder if Medea had A cat as black as you, Who helped her find those potent herbs She poured into her brew?

Were you, in one of your nine lives, In brave Ulysses' crew? Did Circe note your noble mien, And make a cat of you?

Such thoughts are tempting when you sit In silent dark repose— But right now you are just my cat, With milk splashed on your nose!

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KITTEN ON THE HEARTH

I told him not to romp
So near the fire!
He would not listen.
He kept on crouching,
Leaping high—and higher,
Trying to out-leap
The tongues of fire
That made his green eyes glisten

Now—see what happened to The naughty frisker: He's scorched his longest, silkiest, Finest whisker!

-Marion Doyle

While rain depends, the passive cat gives o'er Her frolics and pursues her tail no more.

-Jonathan Swift,

MY HEARING EAR CATS

by Beatrice D. Rosholt

My two wholly unpedigreed cats are like a good sound investment stock—the kind that never fails to pay regular dividends, and sometimes pays an extra one. My cats' regular dividends are the usual; they amuse me and keep me company; they love me in their queer, individual, and unconventional ways, and condescend to let me love them in mine. But above these and others is that extra dividend—they hear for me.

Cats came into my life as pets, rather than helpers, several years ago, about one year before I lost my hearing.

After it had become apparent that I would never again be able to hear in anything like a normal manner (highly advertised hearing aids notwithstanding), people would look at my cats ruefully and say soberly, "Too bad you have them. A dog would be of some help to you. He'd let you know when someone was coming!"

Under ideal circumstances, a dog might have been of more help. My circumstances, however, were much more nearly desperate than ideal. The loss of hearing had forced me to give up school teaching in a western town, and to return (with cats in tow) to a midwest city where I had relatives. Here I hoped to take up whatever work might be available to one with my handicap and a one-track education, to find a home for myself and cats.

Fortunately, a not-too-demanding social service agency was willing to employ me—though at considerably less money than I had been earning. Grateful as I was for this opportunity to work, I found that the low salary imposed one more difficulty. I was faced with a really formidable problem when I set out to find some place to live. Apartments at rentals which I could afford were almost non-existent at that time. Furthermore, I soon discovered that, regardless of rental, every lease had its no-reptiles-birds-or-animals clause!

I had begun to lose hope of finding any apartment, much less one where I could keep my cats, when my confidence was unexpectedly bolstered. I had confided by dilemma to a clerk in a pet shop. "Why, don't even consider giving up your cats just because of that 'no pets' business in leases," she said energetically. "This and half the pet shops in the city would close up if it weren't for all the animals that are stashed away in apartments. Don't say anything about the cats. Just get some apartment, and sneak them in in a suitcase. It's done every day!"

Spurred on this word of encouragement, as well as by the complaints of relatives who were reluctantly keeping the cats until I could find a place to house us both, I attacked the problem of finding an apartment with renewed vigor.

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Eventually, I did find a place. To ease

my conscience, since I had implied I had no pets, I did not move the cats until after I had lived in it for several weeks. This was my first experience of living alone in a large city, and I was constantly hearing "things." My chief activity in those first catless days was loping around the apartment, peaking out the doors, and looking out the windows—trying to explain to my own satisfaction every sound or noise I heard.

After I moved the cats into the apartment, I took every precaution to prevent the janitor and people in the building from finding out about them. I did not want to be put to the test of choosing between the cats and the apartment; I wanted them both! I knew that any report to the agent might call forth a short and to-thepoint notice: "Get rid of . . . or vacate apartment. . . ." Consequently, I took to closing the cats in my dressing room every time a doorbell rang or someone knocked at the door. In no time at all, the cats learned to bolt for the dressing room whenever they heard a doorbell or a knock. As I did not shut them up when the telephone rang, they took only cursory notice of that.

As my hearing became worse, my ability to differentiate between sounds decreased. Gradually, without even thinking about it, I came to rely on the cats to do the differentiating for me. All I did was to watch them whenever I heard a sound or noise. Their ability to determine the source of sounds was infallible. At first, thinking they might sometime make a mistake, I made occasional spot checks. In no instance did I find that their judgment had been incorrect.

Valuable as the cats were to me in those early days, they became infinitely more so as my deafness increased to the point of where I could not even misjudge a sound—I just did not hear it at all!

I have now reached the stage of depending upon the cats wholly, not only to let me know what, but also when, something calls for my attention. Like a seeing eye dog, they always guide me by their looks and actions to the right place at the right time.

I call this the "positive phase" of their hearing for me. There is also a "negative phase"-equally, if not even more, important. As sounds registered more and more faintly, my ear nerves-as if to compensate for the loss-began to generate a wide assortment of sounds and noises, which are as emphatic as they are persistent. So frequently do I hear spurious rings and knocks (to mention only two) of such realistic quality that, were it not for the cats, I would be on continual reconnaissance missions around the apartment. However, no matter how often 1 think, "That sounds just like-," I make no move until after I have looked at the

cats. If the sound has not registered on their sensitive hearing mechanisms, I simply ignore it.

Consequently, my cats save me time and energy. However, this is of less importance than the fact that they give me a feeling of security. Perhaps only the deaf can realize the sense of terror which overcomes one when a sound or noise cannot be identified. Self-interpretations. in my case at least, often veer toward the fearful-a key slipping furtively into a keyhole, a slowly turned doorknob, a soft stealthy footstep. In time, I am sure I would have been able to hear all the sound effects used in a dramatized murder mystery. Mercifully, my cats have spared me from all this. Just knowing that I have two pairs of discriminating ears to depend upon has taken away all the fear of the unknown . . . sounds.

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"Tips to the Novice" by Rlanche Wolfram

PART II

(Mrs. Wolfram continues her last month's analysis of fungus infections, and her discussion of the various products and methods of treatment.)

Seleen is another form of shampoo that does a very good job. It is poisonous and must be thoroughly rinsed off after use. Of course the preliminary job of bathing and rinsing must be accomplished first before the Seleen shampooing. While the cat is still wet from the bath, apply enough Seleen to work up a good lather. Shampoo for two minutes and then rinse thoroughly, using fresh clear water each time and follow this up by quickly drying the cat. You can obtain Seleen through your vet. It is manufactured by Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill. In the hands of an expert it will rid the cat of fungus but, its main drawback is its poisonous nature. Remember, you can cause the death of the cat if not properly used.

Derisol is another good remedy. This is manufactured by the Pittman Moore Co., Division of Allied Laboratories, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. After you bathe and rinse the cat you apply the Derisol just as any other shampoo. For mild cases and kittens, shampoo for only five minutes. In more severe cases of with grown cats you may shampoo for ten minutes. Some breeders have left it on for as long as twenty minutes. In the process of shampooing you must rub it into the skin vigorously. Do not get any into the eyes or ears. It must be thoroughly rinsed off the same as Seleen. Its main drawback it is extremely poisonous. It may also help spread the fungus even though it does kill it on the treated cat. It is well to use the lime-sulphur dip after its use. A week should elapse between the Derisol shampooings.

Malucidin is considered by many to be a good help. It is distributed by National Canine Products, Inc., 1133 McDonald Ave., Brooklyn 30, N. Y. As Cats readers know, Dr. Leon Whitney states that it gives fine response against fungus. It is my understanding that it is rather troublesome to use with Longhair cats. It would be well to clip all the fur off before using this product for them.

There are many other preparations, but those listed are the most popular. You can hear of many others and without a doubt most may help. Some are very expensive, but no matter what you may use, it will take as long as two months or more of regular treatment to clear it up.

I have given you some ideas on medications that may help to rid your cat of fungus. Now more on detection and prevention. Let's begin with how you find

TREATING FUNGUS

fungus in the first place. Besides the evidence of round spots, dandruff, and loose hair as previously mentioned, there are two lamps on the market that will help you detect fungus on your cats and their surroundings. The better is the Fluorescing Ultra-Violet Woods Light (Black Lamp) No. 1910 as manufactured by the Burton Manufacturing Co., 11201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 64, Calif. It is priced at about \$19.50. It is a small light and very convenient with built-in filters to prevent harm to the eyes of you or your cat. You turn it on and direct its rays all over the cat. If any fungus is on the skin or fur it will show up a very bright green. You may also use it in detection of fungus on the cages or floors of the cattery. It can be used for long periods of time without any ill effects. Every cattery should have one of these lamps for it is a great time and labor saver.

Another lamp is the General Electric Purple-X bulb. This must be mounted in a suitable metal shade similar to the kind used for bed lamps. The open end of the shade should have a small mesh wire for protection. Unlike the Burton lamp, this one is dangerous if not used per instruction on the carton. There are no filters and you must protect your eyes and the eyes of the cat from damage by its rays. It can be turned on for only five minutes at a time. The heat created by the Purple-X Bulb is tremendous and it will explode if used too long. It costs only \$2.50, and will do the same job of detecting fungus as well as the Burton Lamp. but it is definitely dangerous. Even though the Burton Lamp costs more it is advisable to obtain one.

The best precaution against fungus is cleanliness. You should try to keep all the excess fur from the wires of the cages and floors. Keep them as clean as possible. Next I would say paint-yes, paint. Use the kind that does not contain lead and paint everything including each individual wire. This will cover up any spores, preventing them from contacting the cats. You may also use a lighted candle or some such thing to go over everything, burning off all loose hairs that have collected before painting. If the lamp shows up any bright green places on the cages it is well to just burn them off, it will save a lot of work. Remember, it is the stray hairs containing spores that do the re-infecting of the cats. Do your best to eliminate this

possibility. As you know, kittens, especially very

young ones, are more susceptible to fungus than are grown cats. Here is one method of combating the fungus on young ones. One week before the kittens are to be born use the liver of sulphur dip on the mother cat. Do this at least two times. Do not worry, the bathing will not hurt the mother cat and will clean her whether she needs it or not. After the kittens are

born repeat the dip the next day and re-

peat again in five days. Wipe her breasts clean and dry, but let the rest of her fur drip dry. After the kittens are seven days old you may treat them also. Repeat the treatment on the kittens in two weeks. In the meantime go over the mother cat and the kittens with the Burton Light to be sure no fungus is collecting on any of them. Keep changing the bedding with fresh clean paper or cloth.

This may sound like a lot of work and effort on your part but you must understand fungus is quite an enemy and must be fought with everything at your command. In severe cases it is best to cut off all the fur right down to the skin. As mentioned before the fungus gets right inside of the skin and for this reason all the medication should be well worked in to get at the roots. When in using the black lamp you notice individual hairs showing bright green, take a tweezers or your fingers and pull them out. You will notice a thick mass of spores on the root of the hair. It is better to have these lone hairs out than allow them to remain.

One further precaution. Not only must you remove all traces of the Seleen and Derisol from the cat but, from your own hands as well. Be sure to get it out from under your fingernails for there is a possibility of your poisoning your own food. Then, too, be sure to clean up all traces of the medication after bathing.

The liver of sulphur is not only good for fungus but it is also a help in many other types of skin disease. It may be used in the same manner for these, too. There is another good feature about it. You will find it is death on fleas. Yes, you may give the cat a dip in it to remove the fleas. It may also be used to scrub the cages. If possible, burn sulphur candles in the cattery after you have removed all the cats. This is quite a help too.

If you follow some of the methods as outlined in this article I am sure you will get relief from this pestilence. You must do it faithfully, week after week, and never let up for a moment. Keep track of each cat and young kitten with the black lamp and the minute you spot any fungus act promptly for this will help save many hours of labor later.

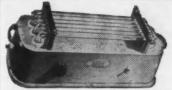
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A BOW IS HARD TO MAKE SOME-TIMES; IT MUST LOOK THUS AND SO.

We know that research is constantly going on by the government, pharmaceutical firms, veterinarians and yes, some of us cat breeders, too, in an attempt to find the one thing that will check the ravages of fungus. Until it is found we will have to go along with what we have. Some day we will completely eradicate fungus to the happiness of not only our cats but to ourselves as well

Next month we will discuss Antibiotics and Your Cat. It has been in process for a long time and it is our hope that you will find it to be of a great deal of interest.

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HE KNEW THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

by Eleanor Parker

I did not know the cat who seemed to know the days of the week, but his owner told me the story. She was in Los Angeles and had had this cat in New Hampshire. A butcher, going into town with meat once a week passed her house and saw her cat and threw him a piece of meat. He always came by on the same day of the week. The cat learned which day it was and would sit at the gate and watch for him. One day the garage was shut and Tinker Bell was inside. It happened to be the day the butcher passed and by the time the cat got out the man had gone by. Mrs. Tafe said he was "the maddest cat" imaginable, but that he seemed to know it was too late and did not sit and wait any more until the correct day the next week. That is the only case of the kind I have ever heard of.



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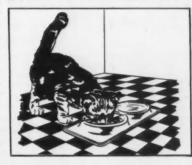
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by Alice Hahn

A Championship is the first really big recognition that your cat can expect to win if it is of suitable show quality and if it is properly and wisely shown. You, of course, are responsible for both, and no matter how high your opinion of your cat and your hopes for it, down to earth advice and your acceptance of it may well mean the difference between your championship certificate and the lack of it. Here from my experience are some suggestions that may help you.

ABOUT YOU

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Buy and read books about cats. Make an intelligent study of diet, grooming, housing, breeding, and genetics.

Select a veterinarian who specializes in small animals and is interested in cats. Listen to what he has to say; chances are he knows much more about cats than your friends who are quick on the trigger with home-made advice.

Be willing to spend the time, money, and energy necessary to keep the cattery sanitary, and adequately lighted, ventilated, and heated. Be sure you will be able to give proper care to kits-sometimes a twenty-four hour job.

Have faith in your cats. All cats have variations which make for distinctionindividual differences that make for personality, yet answer to the standards-but still may please one judge and displease another. Whether the judge uses scoring or comparison, in the last analysis, it is her opinion which decides the win. (I feel that the associations should control the number of shows permitted an individual to judge in one show season. This



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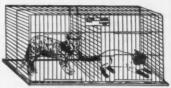
BREEDING SUGGESTIONS

In Breeding, start with the best lines, free of lethal genes, not carrying poor eye color, bad kinked-tail factors, or congenital heart weakness. Ethical breeders should weed out such cats, but unfortunately, all do not . . . so you will have to use the trial and error method. Select the best of your results for continuing your line . . . yes, that's right . . . your line. The genetics scholars tell us that in-breeding and line-breeding get best results and set type.

Get a distinct type of your own. Breed daughter back to father, son to mother, brother and sister. . . . That's in-breeding. Also breed nieces to uncles, nephews to aunts, cousin to cousin. . . . That's linebreeding. Both of these methods are refining. That is what we want in Siamese. We don't want large bones like the Domestic Shorthair. (However, if I were a Longhair breeder where size should be large, I would occasionally cross-breed). Nature uses line-breeding. The strongest, most intelligent male sires the herd, whether it be deer, walrus, wild horse, Certainly, a Virginia deer is not going to travel to Colorado to mate. So we get distinct types of deer in Virginia, which differ from those of Colorado . . . different types of squirrels in various parts of North America . . . different types of the same species of birds . . . due to in-breeding. Actually, our Siamese are supposed to be all descendants of the original pair brought from Siam to England . . . was it in 1870?

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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

My cats are having trouble voiding and after much straining there are generally signs of blood in the urine. The veterinarian has been giving them tablets that do offer temporary relief. I have lost three fine males in the past two months. An autopsy performed by our doctor showed signs of gravel or sand in the bladder. Could it be in their diet?

-Mrs. Agnes W. Caruthers 2003 Snead Avenue, Colonial Htgs., Va.

The cause of this condition is not absolutely known. I would not think that the diet is at fault. I would suggest you continue using the treatment suggested by your veterinarian with the addition of some Vitamin A. The use of distilled water for drinking may be of some value.

Is there anything that will keep a male cat from spraying? My three males are all neutered and I still have this problem. -Mrs. C. V. Hill

609 Milwaukee St., Charles City, Iowa

The only treatment that may help is the supervised use of a hormone preparation.

We have twelve cats at the present time and one common problem with them is worms. We can treat the adult cats but what can you do for kittens less than a year old? Also, what should I do to keep little kittens eyes open and clean?

-Mary H. Mattice

R. D., Schodack Landing, N. Y.

Here is a condition that is being spread by one to another. There are several preparations that can be used on even very young kittens with little if any upset. You will have to treat all of them at the same time to break the cycle.

Clean the eyes with a small piece of cotton moistened with luke-warm water or boric acid solution.

We have tried every flea powder on the market and nothing seems to rid our cats of fleas. We have tried bathing our cats and still no results. Could you suggest something?

If your cats are scratching a lot look to make sure that they have fleas. Many times a skin irritation is the cause of the scratching and of course flea preparations would have no effect. Flea preparations will work but if your cats have a reservoir of little friends some place they will continue to re-infest themselves as fast as you rid them of the fleas. I would suggest cleaning any and all of their bedding and using a spray that is non-toxic to cats along the baseboards and possibly over the

My two cats sneeze often and spray mucous as they do. Their eyes have slight discharge. The younger cat had a very bad cold when a kitten and the older one had a respiratory infection diagnosed as cat distemper by our veterinarian. Their appetites are good and they seem in good health other than the above trouble. Do you think this condition is the result of colds?

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It would seem that the cats have an irritation of the nasal passage or sinuses. This may be due to a form of allergy to something in the house or around that area. The only suggestion that I may make would be for your veterinarian to check them and possibly use some medication to dry the excessive secretions and relieve the irritation if possible.

Will you oblige me by letting me know whether a Siamese queen, age five years, can safely be spayed.

-Mrs. J. A. Schuurman Herbarium Bogoriense, Djalan Raja 22, Bogor, Indonesia Any mature cat that is in good physical condition would be a good surgical patient and should not present any problems.

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rich J., Fattersonville, N. Y., If they are inter-ested in joining. Charter memberships will be accepted until the first of 1958. Officers are: President, Mrs. McNaughtan; Vice President, Raymond Clute; Secretary, Mrs. Edward H. Koch; Treasurer, Richard

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98 ENTRIES AT NI KITTEN SHOW

The September 14th Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey Kitten Show was the largest on record with 92 Kittens and 6 Neuters present, was a great success in all ways, netting \$300.00 for the championship show fund. Judge Gebhardt's Best in the All Breed was Judge Gebhardt's Best in the All Breed was Bean Ridge Teddy, Orange-Eyed White male owned by Mrs. William Bean. In the Shorthair Specialty Judge Lillian King chose for her Best: Chocolate Point Siamese female Green Lane Beryl, owned by Mrs. Rex Naugle. Best in the Longhair Specialty, judged by Marie Marquart, was DuBonnet's Heidi, Red female owned by Richard Koepp.

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ALL FINGERS IN CHICAGO

From her hospital bed where she is recovering from a partial amputation of a blood-poisoned thumb, Muriel Morton Koenig writes that the Chicago Cat Club (ACFA) will hold its first show on January 11-12 (details on the Show Calendar pages),

snow on January 11-12 (details on the Snow Calendar pages).

The club has held its election as follows: President, Beatrice Stack; Vice President, Robert Kiel; Councillor, Judy Engelsher; Director, George Case; Secretary Muriel Case; Treasurer George Case; Secretary Muriel Case; Freasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Koenig at 58 West Division St., Chicago. Meetings are held at members' homes on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, and anyone interested in cats is cordially invited to contact the Corresponding Secretary. sponding Secretary

CHATTANOOGA CLUB ON TV

The Chattanooga Cat Club, has twice re-cently been featured on their local television station. They also were given a fifteen-minute program on November 4 for National Cat Week and have been promised time to publicize their first show, coming up January 18th and 19th.

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MARGARET COOPER GAY

Margaret Cooper Gay, famous with cat lovers for her light-hearted, sensible, "How to Live with a Cat," died (of cancer) on September 9th. Her husband, Francis Smulders, will contime to live in Killingworth, Connecticut, and to care for the cat, dog, and goat which were such dear pets of my beloved Cousin Margaret. —Sharlott B. Erhart

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7- 8—Tucson, Arisona—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Fern Smith); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Edith Schulte).

13-14—New York City—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Charles Victor); Silver Society and Shorthair Specialties (Doris Hobbs). 14-15—Las Vegas, Nev.—Las Vegas Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (La Vona Wright); LH/SH Specialties (Dr. Fern Smith).

3- 4—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); Longhair, Siamese, and All Shorthair except Siamese Specialties (Frances Herms).

4-5-Louisville, Ky.-Ohio Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Mars Hanson); Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Irene (Mars | Powell).

4- 5-Columbus, Ohio-Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); Specialties (Mrs. M. E. Farmer).
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The Back Fence . . .

Nothing, and we do mean nothing, but the very happiest of reporting will go into the Back Fence this month. Happy endings, sunshine and joy and glad tidings of the season will be the theme. Just where to find enough of this to fill the column, is a problem, but it is the *goal*.

One of the nicest is a rather "full-ofsuspense" tale. A Memphis paper, the Commercial Appeal ran a delight by Lydel Sims. Concerns the quandry a family who moved from California to Memphis found themselves in along with their cats.

The Jerry Mays (two adults, one fiveyear old, one fourteen-year old, one thirteen-year old, and three cats) were moving. Three cats seemed impossible to transport under the circumstances, and homes for two of them were found with friends who promised to love and care for them. There was nothing to be done but to take Spice, the third cat, to the humane shelter.

They couldn't just leave him to fend for himself—far better to take him where he might find a new home. But they kept postponing the trip to the shelter.

Finally the day of departure came. The movers had packed the belongings, and had started the trek to Tennessee. The entire family got into the car with Spice and began the drive to the humane society. No one spoke much on the trip.

Arriving at the shelter, Mr. May and thirteen-year old Casey got out and without a word took Spice and disappeared into the building. They came back empty handed.

Mrs. May looked at Casey. Casey was crying. In fact, only fourteen-year old Mike was making the successful effort to be brave. Mr. May got in the car. Slammed the door. Raced the engine and pulled out of the lot. No one spoke.

The car shot out into the street, made a U-turn and headed back into the lot. Not a word was uttered. The man of the family, looking fierce, got out, slammed the door and stalked back into the shelter, returning with Spice in his arms.

Four hours later, after making arrangements with a boarding home and with a friend to take Spice to the airport when the time was right, the Mays headed for Tennessee.

They picked him up the other day at the airport and although he was a trifle nervous over the entire affair, he is most pleased to be with his family again.

Happy ending? Of course. How many cats do you hear of that are saved from almost certain oblivion to fly across country and end up sleeping in the same chair they'd left in California.

More happy news for cat lovers to purrinto the ears of those poor unenlightened people who look down their noses at cats. The Newark *Star-Ledger* lent space and photograph to show that a parcel of cats can take the place of some of these wonder drugs.

At St. Barnabas Hospital they have discovered a new medical wonder: a litter of newborn kittens.

These cuties have taken to playing on a ledge outside a first floor wing of the hospital and a spokesman notes that "they are providing wonderful therapy for the patients."

Some patients who haven't responded to psychiatric treatment at all have shown interest and amusement for the first time. The very first step to recovery.

These therapeutic felines were born to a cat who wandered onto the hospital grounds about a year ago and was immediately adopted by the staff.

In fact, they have a number of interns looking after their comfort and health. There again, how many cats do you know who have more than one M. D. attending them?

Many, many a feline is lazying around, living the life of ease, pampered, petted, spoiled and humored. Being a bon vivant, a savant, a dilettante, who enjoys the aesthetic things of life. But consider, if you will, the fortune of Choli and Rhadamez, two Domestic Shorthairs who happened into the life of the Brocks. Barney and Rose Brock have traveled through many foreign countries and these two lucky cats have gone right with them.

Some seventeen Latin American countries and many of the European ones are listed. At the time their interview appeared in the Durant, Oklahoma, *Democrat*, their plans included a six month stay in Mexico, then a tour via freighter to out-of-the-way places. Choli and Rhadamez think it a wonderful chance to taste new sensations of the palate.

When motoring, these two cats sit between the driver and passenger in the front seat. As they simply can't stand the sun in their eyes, Rose dreamed up an umbrella to shade them while driving. She also advises that a turkish cloth wrung out in cold water and placed on the pets help to keep them cool in the hot weather.

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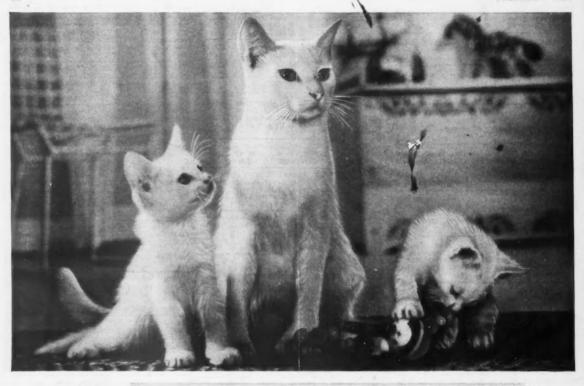
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